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STOCKTON-AREA MAN INDICTED ON CHILD PORNOGRAPHY CHARGES

SACRAMENTO--United States Attorney McGregor W. Scott announced today that a federal grand jury returned a 1-count indictment charging PAUL ALFRED LaMARCHE, 55, of Linden, California, with one count of possessing visual depictions of minors engaged in sexually explicit conduct.

This case is the product of an investigation by the Sacramento office of the Federal Bureau of Investigations.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Laurel D. White, who is prosecuting the case, the indictment alleges that between December 9, 2003 and continuing through April 19, 2004, LaMARCHE possessed child pornographic images while working at the Stockton office of Consumer Credit Counseling Service (CCCS).

Charging documents allege that CCCS personnel began to investigate LaMARCHE's use of his office computer after receiving complaints from employees who observed him looking at pornography on his work computer. When his computer hard drive was examined by a company computer technician, it was found to contain numerous still images and more than 250 videos, each depicting minors engaged in sexually explicit conduct. The technician copied LaMARCHE's computer files and turned them over to the FBI for further investigation.

If convicted, the defendant faces a maximum sentence of 10 years imprisonment, a \$250,000 fine and possible life term of supervised release.

The charges are only allegations and the defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

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